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## Commission limits work on ZC ballpark & nixes E-911 dispatcher assistance

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting in its regular bi-monthly session Monday took just over an hour to move through its rather slim agenda.

Commissioners, in "adjusting" its meeting minutes of the last meeting (Feb. 14), set a cap (dollar amount) on the amount of work that is to be done on the construction of a baseball field at the Zion Chapel High School. The amount being \$9,200.00.

Commission Tom Grimsley in making his motion (seconded by Commissioner Doug Dalrymple) to set the cap, said that he felt that clarification was needed on just how much the county would spend on the project.

In the last meeting, County Engineer Randy Tindell had presented commissioners with a "cost estimate" on the project. In the estimate, the total cost to the General Fund was \$28,262 with \$19,051 going to the highway department and \$9,211 (cash outlay) going to outside sources. Tindell explained that the "outside source" was for equipment rental, operator expense, fuel and labor.

Commissioners Grimsley stated that he had not fully understood the cost as it was presented in the "estimate" and felt it (\$28,262) was more than the county should put

into the project.

Also, both Commissioners Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks commented that they had misunderstood the estimate and thought the \$9,211 was the total amount the county would spend on the project.

In a 4-2 vote, the maximum amount to be spent, by the county, on the ZC project was set at \$9,200.00. Commissioners Grimsley, Dalrymple, Brooks and Stephens voted for the motion while Commissioner Linda Westbrook and Kayo Lewis opposed the motion. Commissioner Len Averett was absent from Monday's meeting.

Both Commissioner Westbrook and Lewis expressed disappointment in the action taken by the commission; however, Westbrook said, "We will find a way to get the ball field completed."

She noted that this project has been on-going for nearly two years and she would like to see it completed.

On a final note, she did clarify with the county engineer that the \$9,200 worth of work by the county highway department would proceed as soon as it could be scheduled. Westbrook commented that, "the area is relatively dry at this time and should not present a problem."

Another matter presented to the commissioners at their last meeting also received a "set back" in Monday's meeting. Elba Police Chief R.

W. "Ronnie" Whitworth, on February 14, appeared before the commission requesting assistance in funding two additional E-911 dispatcher slots for the Elba Police Department.

The department not only handles E-911 calls for Elba but also for Kinston and a rather large portion of rural Coffee County. The additional responsibility has created a requirement for additional dispatchers.

After hearing Whitworth's request, the commissioners agreed to discuss the matter at their next work session.

During the general business session in Monday's meeting, Commissioner Stephens stated that the Coffee County E-911 Board had agreed to provide \$750 per month for the next seven (7) months (through September) to go toward paying the salary for radio dispatchers at the Elba Police Department. He then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Westbrook, that the county match that with an additional \$750 per month for the same period of time.

With no discussion, the motion failed by a tie vote. Commissioners Stephens, Westbrook, & Lewis favored the motion while Commissioners Grimsley, Dalrymple, and Brooks opposed the motion.

"I'm getting voted down on some good things," said Commissioner

Stephens. "When someone calls 911, I would love for someone to answer it - especially if it's me calling."

He commented that he felt the three opposing the move seem to think that Elba PD was getting something Enterprise PD was not; however, he noted that Enterprise PD receives approximately \$3,500 per month for the phones in the rural portion of the county that are paying for E-911 services.

The City of Enterprise had, and still does, have its own E-911 system which is maintained through fees on phones located within its corporate city limits.

Commissioner Dalrymple commented that Stephens failed to mention that Elba had received \$100,000 worth of equipment at no cost. BUT what Dalrymple did not note is that this equipment is for the county-wide E-911 system, and does not belong to the city. Elba PD serves as one of the two (2) answering points for the E-911 system.

On a positive note, Tindell formally recognized the Natural Resource and Conservation Service for the assistance it provided in the repair of 116 flood damage sites during the past two years.

"For the past two years, we have been struggling to become the flood that took place in March of '98," said Tindell. "Never in my wildest dreams would I have expected NRCS to provide the assistance that they have provided. It's beyond anything that I have ever seen before."



Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis (left) presents Martin Moates, chairman of the local Soil & Water Conservation District, with a letter of appreciation for NRCS's assistance in flood damage repair.

He told commissioners that work has been completed on all the sites at a cost of more than \$1.3 million. He noted that as high as the cost was it was still below the original estimated cost.

A letter of appreciation from the Coffee County Commission was presented to Martin Moates who is the chairman of the local Water and Soil Conservation District that oversaw this project.

The funds were provided through

a 75/25 matching grant from the NRCS with the county's 25 percent being provided through in-kind work on the projects by the highway department personnel and equipment.

Tindell informed commissioners that in the next few days at least two county vehicles (sign trucks) will be out during the night "roving the

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## MARCH

## Local mother of CMV child determined to help others learn about disease

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

Every child is special in his or her own way, but Vonzetta Mills of Jack did not realize how special her youngest child, Wayne, was until several months after his birth.

Mrs. Mills said that before Wayne was born she kept asking God to give her a little angel, and He did just that.

Although it was not properly diagnosed until he was 15-months-old, Wayne was born with cytomegalovirus (CMV).

CMV is a disease which attacks babies as they are developing in the mother's womb and people with weak immune systems. Those who are at the largest risk for CMV are: pregnant women or those who could become pregnant, anyone who may be an organ donor or recipient, and those who have cancer, HIV/AIDS or other illnesses involving weakened immune systems.

Mrs. Mills probably will never know exactly what caused her son to be affected by CMV, but she is determined to help others so they will not have to go through the 15 months of wondering, "What is wrong with my child?"

It was after Wayne's diagnosis that Mrs. Mills came to realize that many people do not know a whole lot about this disease, and even more people have never even heard of it. At this point, she decided to commit herself to educating people about this terrible disease.

"God kept telling me that I could do this mission," Mrs. Mills said. "I tried to talk myself out of it several times, but I knew God was involved and I needed to do this."

She got to work making phone calls and doing the research necessary to find a way to let people know about CMV, what causes it, and how it can be prevented.

She credits a phone call to Alabama State Representative Terry Spicer in getting her crusade headed in the right direction. It was that phone call which led Mrs. Mills to Family Services at the Coffee County Health Department.

"I had never even heard of CMV before Mrs. Mills," said Judy Crowley, Family Services representative at the Coffee County Health Department. "When she came to us, we were more than willing to help



Rep. Terry Spicer (left) talks with Vonzetta Mills (right) Monday morning after a press conference announcing the distribution of the CMV pamphlets Mrs. Mills created. As they talk, Wayne Mills, the angel in Mrs. Mills' life and story, takes in the surroundings.

her in her crusade."

From there, the Alabama Health Department became involved, which has now led to the addition of the March of Dimes to this mission.

"We are here today on a path which began several months ago when Mrs. Mills called me," Rep. Spicer said Monday morning at a press conference at the Coffee County Health Department. "We are here to kickoff our effort in educating the public about CMV."

At this point, Rep. Spicer announced the distribution of a pamphlet which Mrs. Mills has created in her effort to let her story while offering important information about CMV.

In the pamphlet, Mrs. Mills discusses how she and her family discovered the illness which has affected her youngest son. She offers information on symptoms, signs and complications of the disease, and there is a section discussing how the disease affects pregnant women and people with weak immune systems.

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## Little business on council meeting agenda

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members were in and out Monday evening as there was very little business on the agenda for their regular meeting.

Police Chief R.W. Whitworth reported that the police department will be getting a new DUI breath test machine in April, at no cost to the city. At the present time officers are taking formal training in operating the equipment.

Whitworth also reported that the Emergency Management Agency has agreed to pay \$750 per month to help fund the operators for the E-911 telephone system. However the chief was upset that the county commission declined to help pay for this service. He said he felt they didn't understand that Elba was doing this for county residents as well as those within the city limits.

Councilman Winzel Gray requested that bushes behind the substation on Jackson street be cut. He noted that the clean-up crews couldn't get in there to pick up trash because of the high weeds.

Mayor James Grimes promised to get this cutting done soon.

Grimes reported that the sewer contractor is making progress with the repaving in Brookdale, but is still not finished.

The Elba airport has been officially reopened. The facility was closed last fall due to conditions considered dangerous by the Alabama Aeronautics Authority. After the corrections were made, cutting trees, etc., the airport was reinspected and cleared for normal operations. The mayor reported that after discussions with the Alabama Congressional delegation, Elba was applying to have the airport reclassified, thus getting in line for some federal direct airport improvement appropriations.

The rising cost of gasoline is a concern of city leaders. Grimes reported the city paid the highest price ever for gasoline this week. He told council members he was meeting with supervisors to see what cuts could be made in vehicle usage.

The long awaited agreement to proceed with the \$294,000 drainage projects on Martin L. King Drive and on Putnam Street was signed and put in the mail on Friday. Grimes told council members.

## Lest We Forget



A SOLEMN ANNIVERSARY was observed yesterday, March 1, 2000. It was 21 years ago that Coffee County Sheriff C. F. "Neil" Grantham was murdered in cold blood in front of the jail. TODAY his CONVICTED murder, Billy Joe Magwood, remains alive and well (as far as we know) on death row at Holman Prison in Atmos. We can only ask why? He still has an appeal (one of many) filed in 1997 pending before the U.S. District Court. Call your Attorney General's Office and ask - 1800-626-7676 or (334)242-7329.

## Area Happenings

**COUNTY BOE. MEETING.** The Coffee County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday (TODAY), March 2, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room of the Central Office located in Elba.

**VIETNAM VETS MEET.** Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday (TODAY), March 2, at the Clayhatchee Community House, which is located on Hwy. 92 close to Providence Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT.** The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast Benefit on Saturday, March 4, 2000, at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, and orange juice will be served from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tickets may be purchased from any Lion or at the breakfast.

**AA MEETINGS SCHEDULED.** Alcoholics Anonymous meeting to begin in Elba Tuesday, March 7, at 8 p.m. and continuing indefinitely on every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church, corner of Claxton and Davis (Hwy. 84). Meeting will be held in the Choir Room. For further information, call the church office at 897-2219 or Patti B. at 897-6918.

**PINE LEVEL SCHOOL REUNION.** The Pine Level School Reunion will be held March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria. Please bring a covered dish for dinner. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be provided. Teachers and anyone who attended Pine Level School are invited to attend.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

In Alabama we can generate a heated argument over the idea of relaxing the procedures necessary to become a registered voter. No drive in, no post card, etc. Yet in Arizona, those folks are about to start computer voting. The U.S. Justice Department has just approved "On-line voting" for the Democratic Primary which will be held in March of this year. Close your eyes and think about how the computer hackers must be getting a high night now thinking up how they are going to break into the computer networks and wreck that election! That is before the crooks and election stealers ever figure out what is going on with the new fangled way of casting votes.

We have seen nothing in writing on this matter, but Alabama Public Service Commissioner Jan Cook reportedly has a public (?) hearing scheduled for 8:30 Thursday morning (today) to hear complaints from area citizens concerning their telephone service. The PSC meeting will be in the Elba High School auditorium. If this well kept secret is of interest to any of our readers, we suggest you try to be present at this unannounced public meeting.

Coffee County citizens will soon get more than television politics as both the Democrat and Republican parties will be kicking off their respective races for county and state races within the next couple of weeks. When that happens, it will be useless to just turn off the tube to escape politics. You will be hit at the front door, in the mailbox, at the store and at the door when you go to work with someone else putting into practice another of our American freedoms.

Elba folks can be caught looking away when the evening news shows the terrible problems of the flood victims in Africa. We just don't like to think about the misery those people are coping with day and night. One thing it does do is remind us just how blessed we are. Sure we have had repetitive flooding, but ours is soon over with and except for one tragic situation, we have had ample warning to get out of the floodwaters.

The steamroller is moving along in Montgomery. Efforts to pass video poker bills for three existing dog tracks in Alabama is gaining steam. However, we understand a dedicated group of opponents are gearing up to put a stop to the bills. It will be interesting to watch this drama unfold.

Last Saturday morning we stood with two friends and watched the sunrise in Jack, Alabama. In spite of the many, many times we have seen the sunrise and sunset, we still stand in awe at the next one we see. While we didn't get up just for this sight, those of you who are not quiet as lazy could enjoy this virtually every morning.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE  
THIS SUNDAY

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of February 22, 2000, through February 28, 2000. They were: Linda Kilcrease, Mary Bryant, Blanche McMillian, Mary Carolyn Davis, Marzee Hodge, Pinkie Youngblood, Theo Mauldin, Paris Edwards, Mardee Daniels, Sydney Jackson, Wayne Brown Swann, John Hancock, Sammy Daniels, John Phillips, Felicia Revel, James Clark, Mary Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Mary Kelley, Donnie Stackhouse, Earl Kelly, Marvie Youngblood, Melissa Hughes, Clara Kelley, Sheila Armstrong, Leola Mitchell, Hattie Carpenter, Goriene Shanklin, Mildred Eiland, Joe Kilcrease, Tyler Sasser, Vera Bryan, Willie Frank Daniels, Juanita Hill,

Cedrick Hill, Birricus Thomas Hill, and Missy Carlwell Miller. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Blanche McMillian, Shirley Johnson, Melissa Hughes, Mary Jackson, Juanita Hill, Carrie Hall, Britany Head, Mary Barnes, Theo Mauldin, Annie Coleman, Marzee Hodge, Mary Ware, John Hancock, Paris Bryant, Cleo Livingston, Paris Edwards, Sydney Jackson, Mary Barnes, Sammy Daniels, Wayne Brown Swann, John Frank Phillips, Linda Kilcrease, Mary Kelley, Donnie Stackhouse, Felicia Revel, Marvie Youngblood, Earl Kelley, Clara Kelley, Leola Mitchell, Goriene Shanklin, James Clark, and Sheila Armstrong.

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6 months - \$9  
Outside Alabama - \$18 per year - 6 months - \$10

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 21, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one loss of property, one domestic disturbance, one sexual harassment, one theft of property, one criminal trespass, two assaults, one DUI, two VPLs, one illegal possession of a controlled substance, one overdose, one resisting arrest, one menacing, and one harassment.

The following arrests were made: one for illegal possession of a controlled substance, two for VPL, one for assault, and one for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty for speeding, two for running a stop sign, nine for driving while driver's license is suspended, five for violation of child restraint law, one for no driver's license, thirteen for failure to buckle seat belt, two for driving while driver's license is revoked, two for an expired tag, two for driver's license not in possession, one for reckless driving, one for improper passing, one for illegal parking in the roadway, two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for no tag, one for DUI, two for driving without a driver's license, and one for an improper turn.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21** - River stage - 3.93 (6:24 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Jackson St. (8:36 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Martin Luther King Drive (4:04 p.m.); Minor wreck reported in The People Bank parking lot (5:17 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Drive (7:50 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22** - River stage - 3.82 (6:10 a.m.); Disturbance reported on the Kinston Highway (7:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23** -

River stage - 3.75 feet (6:15 a.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24** - River stage - 3.70 feet (6:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Cedar Lane Drive (9:03 a.m.); Alarm at the National Guard Armory (4:30 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25** - River stage - 3.65 feet (6 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence in New Brockton (8:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Smith Harper Apartments (12:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (8:35 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26** - River stage - 3.61 feet (6:44 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Al Hwy. 203 (12:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (2:06 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Dr. Roberts Drive (2:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Parker St. (5:58 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (6:14 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (6:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Burch's Trailer Court (9:04 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Co. Rd. 114 (9:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (10:28 p.m.); Fight reported at Tootle Bug's (10:54 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27** - River stage - 3.71 feet (6:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 625 (8:28 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire (8:37 p.m.); Prowler reported on Williams St. (10:56 p.m.).

**CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME**

## NOTICE

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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## CMV (Continued from Page One)

But, what may be considered as the most important information in the pamphlet is the section on CMV prevention and treatment.

"Being hygienic is a simple solution to correcting this disease," Mrs. Mills said. "And, it can be detected through a simple blood test."

She said the unfortunate thing about this disease today is that the lack of knowledge is its leading component. Most people do not know how to prevent it because they do not realize the disease exists.

Mrs. Mills said CMV is spread through body fluids. Therefore, a simple task such as hand washing could prevent someone from catching the disease.

Currently, there is not cure for CMV, but researchers are working on treatments and vaccines. Mrs. Mills said there is a vaccine which is in the testing phase but is not available to the public at this time.

"My goal now is to get this vaccine approved and out to the people who need it," she said. "There is no need for another person to have to go through what my family has gone through."

And, there is not much doubt among those who have worked on this project that Mrs. Mills can get the job done.

"She is such an amazing woman," said Crowley. "If she puts

her mind to it, I know she will find a way to help everyone affected by CMV."

This process began Monday when the Alabama Department of Health distributed the 15,000 pamphlets Mrs. Mills created to the March of Dimes.

"This would have never happened without the help of Mr. Spicer, Judy (Crosley) and every one else," Mrs. Mills said. "I thank God for them and I thank God that the March of Dimes will now be going worldwide with me."

For more information on supporting vaccine research, more addresses with CMV information or for support on raising a child with CMV, write to Mrs. Mills at: Vonetta Mills, 1165 County Rd. 208, Jack, AL 36346.

## BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house 4th Fls. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• **ROYALTY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Mondays 6:00 p.m. City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **GRIT SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY** - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIANS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Supr. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Supr. Office

• **MASSON LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. @ 430 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-8858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Clubhouse

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **IMPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon City Hall Conference Room

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7:00 p.m. @ Elba High School

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays 6:00 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria

• **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** - First Thursday night 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department

• **WOODMAN OF THE WORLD** - LODGE 1932 - 4th Thursday night of the month 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin:

This year's Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Benefit is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2000 at the Senior Citizens Center, here in Elba.

Over the last few weeks our members have been soliciting contributions of cash and merchandise from Elba businesses and merchants in support of this annual event. Complimentary tickets to this event are available to contributors.

The Pancake Breakfast Benefit is our major fund raising event of the year, the proceeds of which provide the major portion of the funds utilized in our charitable expenditures for the following year. Funds generated from our fund raising activities during our 1998/99 operating year were \$6406. These funds have been programmed for expenditure during our 1999/2000 operating year as follows:

\$1300 - Alabama Sight Conservation; \$1000 - Elba High School Band Uniforms; \$1000 - Local Sight Programs; \$717 - DARE Program; \$600 - Camp Seale Harris (Diabetic Children); \$400 - American Diabetes Association; \$400 - Southeast Leader Dog School (Guide Dogs for the Blind); \$150 - Boy Scout Troop 37; \$150 - Alabama Lions Baseball Tournament; Remainder - Contingencies.

We sincerely appreciate the generous support of the Elba community in our Lions Club activities and invite you all to join us at the Senior Citizens Center on the 4th of March for a fine pancake breakfast and take pride in knowing that through your generosity you have helped someone, or even less fortunate family, to enjoy a better quality of life.

**Yours in Lionism,**  
C.E. (Gene) Eastburn  
Past President  
Elba Lions Club

Dear Mr. Cox:

My name is Nell (Croker) Zinn. I graduated from Elba High School in May, 1950. I have lived away from there since 1953 and have not kept in contact with any of my fellow graduates. Since this is the year for our 50th reunion I would like to know if any plans have been made for that event. I receive your Elba Clipper and just thought one of your readers might be involved in this reunion and could let me know date, time and place. I am very interested in this reunion and would certainly appreciate any information your readers might give me concerning this event.

Sincerely,  
Nell (Croker) Zinn  
1706 Archway  
Duncan, OK 73533  
Tel: (580) 255-6336

To Whom it may concern:  
I would like to ask you to print the following letter from our school. We have only 220 students and are trying to collect 1,300,000 proofs, (labels and UPC's) from Campbell's products to purchase a 15-passenger van and would like to ask the people of Alabama to help

us save proofs for the Label's for Education Program.

Schools across the nation have received help from their states in saving enough proofs for vans by asking the media for help in getting the word out state-wide. I know the people of Alabama will respond if they just knew that we need their help in saving the proofs of the products. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely thanks,  
Mary L. Davidson  
Labels for Education Coordinator

Shelby Academy, a small school in Shelby County, Alabama, is participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education Program by saving proofs, (labels and UPC's) from Campbell's products. We would like to ask the help of the people of Alabama in saving 1,300,000 proofs for a much needed 15-passenger van.

The Campbell's Labels for Education Program encourages schools to recycle by saving proofs from the entire line of Campbell's products and redeeming them for school equipment. Shelby Academy saves labels from Splash juices, Campbell's soups, tomato juice, V-8, Peppercorn Farms and Swanson broths; UPC's from Peppercorn Farms, as well as labels from commercial-size Foodservice and Chef's Kettle soups, just to mention a few. Each proof is one point towards the 1,300,000 needed for a van.

Our school needs your help saving proofs. Please mail your Campbell's product proofs to: Campbell's LFE Coordinator, Shelby Academy, County Road 22, Montevallo, AL 35115. Include your return address and we will be glad to mail you the "What to Save" list. Thank you all for your help.

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE  
EDITOR

## CARDS OF THANKS

**BRADLEY STEPHEN WILSON FAMILY**

To all of you who loved and befriended Brad, we thank you. Now that he has departed this walk of life, our hearts ache.

We appreciate so much every act of kindness shown us during this time.

**THE WILSON FAMILY**

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**HAUGHTIE BOUTWELL FAMILY**

The family of Haughtie Boutwell would like to thank you for the love, food, prayers, flowers and/or visits you shared with us during our time of bereavement.

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## CCC

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the county's roadways." He stated that this is part of the annual sign inspection that is done at night to insure the effectiveness of the reflective signs. The inspection should take about two weeks.

He also commented on the recent death (Friday) of Mr. James Davis who recently retired from the highway department after more than 17 years of service.

"He was missed by the highway department - now he'll be missed by everybody," said Tindell.

The only item of business brought before the commission by County Administrator Wilson Mobley will be discussed at the next "work session."

He told commissioners that the Social Security Administration had sent funds totaling \$2,600 and a decision had to be made as to what is to be done with the money. The money has accumulated from individuals who have been in jail and who receive social security benefits. A one-time fee of \$250 per individual is sent to the county jail by the Administration. These funds are presently being placed in a special account until it can be decided what they can and will be used for.

Other actions taken by the commission consisted of the following:

- \*\*\*Accepted bids on two wrecked (sheriff's department) cars and one pick-up. The lone bids on the cars was from Gene's Auto Sales for \$50 each. The high bid of \$451.50 for the pick-up was from Samuel Dupreast.
- \*\*\*An old industrial gas stove located in the old Board of Registrars building in Elba was sold at

bid for \$225. (The bidder was not identified).

\*\*\*The high bid on the use of the old New Hope School for the purpose of holding auctions was received from Jeff Watson and Joe Willoughby. Their bid was for \$325 per month.

\*\*\*Approved sending out bid invitations on the rental of two off-road dump trucks and an excavator to be used in cell construction at the landfill.

\*\*\*Voted to start the clearing of right-of-way on Co. Rd. 664 until all right-of-way deeds can be acquired on Co. Rd. 661 at which time clearing crews will stop work on 664 and began work on that

road.

\*\*\*Elected to discuss the cleaning and grounds upkeep of both courthouses (Elba & Enterprise) at the next work session and make a decision as to what is to be done at the commission meeting on March 27.

\*\*\*Approved a trip to Washington, D.C. by Commissioners Darryl Rymple and Gimsley to talk to the state's congressional delegation about the construction of a lake in southeast Coffee County to help provide drinking water. They will also discuss other items of concern with the officials at that time.

**LILLIE MAE BOOTHE**  
Mrs. Lillie Mae Boothe, age 90, of 1113 Community Road, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 27, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services and burial were held Feb. 28, 2000 at the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Rev. Tim Messick officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Dorothy Louise Boothe, Elba; one son: James Thomas Boothe, Elba; three sisters: Willie Pearl Kilcrease, Brantley, Ruth Senn and Evie Lee Smith, both of Opp; two brothers: Arshel Kilcrease, DeFuntak Springs, Fla., and Holland Kilcrease, Brantley.

**JAMES DAVIS**

Mr. James Davis, age 73, of New Brockton, Ala., died Feb. 25, 2000 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 2000 at Goodman Baptist Church with Dr. John Granger and Rev. James Preachers officiating. Burial followed in the Goodman Cemetery with Seary Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Survivors include his wife: Eunice Davis, New Brockton; two daughters: Doris Hylton, Enterprise; Fay Lawson, Enterprise; Cindy and Jamie Odom, Elba; five sons and daughters-in-law: Larry and Sharon Davis, Benton, La.; Terry and Kay Davis, Jerry and Donna Davis, Gary and Darla Davis, Ray and Hilda Davis, all of Elba; one brother and sister-in-law: Fred and Ellen Davis, Enterprise; 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**STACY LADON JOHNSON**

Mr. Stacy Ladon Johnson, age 26, of 342 Brunson Circle, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 27, 2000 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29, 2000 in the Chapel of Mathews Funeral Home with Rev. Russell Anglin officiating. Burial followed in the Leesburg Cemetery with Mathews Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Elveter Johnson, Elba; two brothers: Timmy Johnson and Tony

Johnson, both of Elba; and his grandmother: Arkie Hodge, Elba.

**WILLIAM MARVIN KELLEY**

Mr. William Marvin Kelley, age 71, 4717 County Road 514, Elba, Ala., died Feb. 26, 2000 at his home.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 2000 at Bethany Baptist Church in New Brockton with Rev. Cliff Quince officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Emma Jennine Kelley, Elba; two daughters: Neina Compton, New Brockton; Kathryn Kelley, Elba; two sons: Keith Kelley, Westminster, Colo.; Kevin Kelley, Dothan; two sisters: Annie Sue Harrison, Elba; Anna Lou Hyatt, Enterprise; two brothers: Edford Kelley, Elba; George Kelley, Vernon, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**SHELBY L. PARKER**

Mr. Shelby L. Parker, age 69, of Albany, Ga., died Feb. 26, 2000 at Palmyra Medical Center.

Mr. Parker was a native of Elba, Ala. and had resided in Albany, Ga. since 1956. He retired from the Marine Base after 26 years of service.

Survivors include his wife: Fannie Parker, Albany, Ga.; a son: Donald Ray Parker, Albany, Ga.; three daughters: Sharon Cox, Ozark, Cheryl Honeck and Stephanie Williams, both of Albany, Ga.; four sisters: Irene Dorough, Elba, Betty Dowling, Panama City, Fla.; Sue Parker, Elba; Jo Watkins, Enterprise; two brothers: Roger Parker, Abbeville, Robert E. Parker, Troy; two grandsons and one granddaughter.

**DARBY RAY PETTUS**

Mr. Darby Ray Pettus, age 29, of Goshen, Ala., died suddenly Feb.

## AREA DEATHS

20, 2000.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2000 at the Turner Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Mount officiating. Burial followed in the Providence Cemetery with Turner Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Mary Annette Mount, Glenwood; his father: Ray Pettus, Goshen; his grandmother: Cletha M. Byrd, Laverne; three sisters: Barbara R. Farmer, Troy, Kathy A. Pettus, Troy, Linda S. Pettus, North Carolina; four nephews and one niece: Alecia B. Farmer, Leland Farmer, Heath B. Stafford, Eric R. Stafford and Wade A. Britt; a close friend: Catherine H. Richburg, Goshen; and numerous other relatives.

**LILLIE MAE WHITMAN**  
Mrs. Lillie Mae Whitman, age 86, of Greenville, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2000 from the chapel of Harrison Funeral Home with Rev. Herbert Brown officiating. Burial followed in the Magnolia Cemetery with Harrison Funeral Home of Greenville directing.



# LIFESTYLES



**LBW COLLEGE HOSTED** the 31st annual Math Tournament on Feb. 4. Twenty-four schools were represented from cities and counties in Alabama and Florida. Awards were presented to individuals and teams in each class division. Scholarships were provided by the Andalusia Rotary Club, the Andalusia Kiwanis Club and the Kenneth Howell Memorial. Ashley Coven, Kinston High School, was presented the Andalusia Rotary Club Scholarship by Walker Epps of the Andalusia Rotary Club.

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**Annual ELBA LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 4th 6:00 - 10:00 A.M. Elba Senior Citizen's Center**



Pictured left to right are: Fabreka Tillis, Bridgett Jones, Adean Sims, bride-elect's mother, Sabrina Sims, bride-elect, and Elizabeth Williams.

## Miss Sims honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

On Saturday, Feb. 19, Miss Sabrina Sims, bride-elect of Rev. Jason Thomas, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the fellowship hall at the Southeast District Singing Building. The dining area was beautifully decorated in the bride's choice of wedding colors by Ms. Joyce Folmar. Guests enjoyed an assortment of sandwiches, cocktail sausages, dip, nuts, punch and cake prepared by the Bethlehem Baptist Church Young Adult Choir of which Miss Sims sings.

Miss Sims received many useful gifts along with the fellowship of family and friends.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Beverly Kelley, Ms. Bridgett Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Ms. Fabreka L. Tillis and Mrs. Barbara Tillis.

## TSU to hold Southeast Alabama Regional Science Fair March 4th

Troy State University will host the Southeast Alabama Regional Science Fair on Saturday, March 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the new TSU Science Center.

Competition will be offered in five categories: biological sciences, physical sciences, earth and space sciences, mathematics and computer sciences, and behavioral and social sciences.

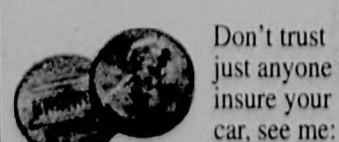
The participants will compete in an elementary division, which includes the sixth grade; a junior division, which includes the seventh and eighth grades; or a senior division, which includes grades nine through 12.

The overall winner in the senior division will receive a plaque and an expense-paid trip to the International Science Fair in Detroit, Mich., May 7-13. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three projects for each age division in each category, and there will be special awards, such as the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy awards. The awards ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater.

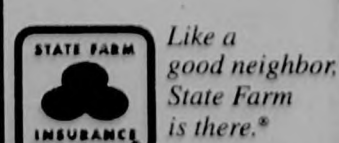
Public exhibition of the projects will begin at 1 p.m. in the laboratory wing of the Science Center.



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# LIFESTYLES



Mr. Arnett & Miss Dunn

## Dunn-Arnett wedding planned for April 15th

Jessica Elizabeth Dunn and Ian Shayne Arnett announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Carol Marshall of Samson and Douglas Dunn of Elba. She is the granddaughter of W. G. and Mollene Atkins of Opp and the late Johnnie and Dollie Dunn of Elba.

She is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School and a recent graduate of Florida Institute of Ultra Sound. Jessica is presently employed in her field of study in Andalusia.

The future bridegroom is the son of Brenda Arnett of Elba and Jim Arnett of Orlando, Fla. He is the grandson of Mary Nell Parrish and the late Curtis Parrish.

Shayne attended Kinston High School and is currently employed with an off shore company.

The wedding will be held April 15, 2000 at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Samson, Ala. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

All friends and relatives are invited.

## LaWanna Flowers celebrates 50th birthday

LaWanna Hocutt Flowers of Crawfordville, Fla., celebrated her 50th birthday with a party on February 5 at her bayside home on Oyster Bay.

The daughter of Evelyn Hocutt and the late George Hocutt is a native of Elba. Her late husband, Ray Flowers, was also from Elba.

Her sons and daughter-in-law, Eric McNair of Tallahassee, Fla., and Sean and Loretta McNair of Tampa, Fla., co-hosted the party which was attended by 30 friends and family members. Out-of-town guests included her mother, Evelyn Hocutt, and her sister and niece, Deborah and Della Stabler of Auburn.

The floral arrangement, cake and refreshments reflected a Valentine's theme. After refreshments were served, the honoree opened and displayed her gifts.

LaWanna Flowers

## Winter Carnival

The New Brockton Elementary School PTO is sponsoring a Winter Carnival on Thursday, March 9, at the New Brockton Farm Center from 5:30-8 p.m. Admission is 25 cents. Bring the kids. Come join the fun.

## 2000 Coffee County Pageants to be held April 30th

The 2000 Coffee County Pageants will be held April 30 at Elba High School. Categories include Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Petite Miss, Pre-Teen Miss, Teen Miss and Miss.

Future Little Miss, Petite Miss, Pre-Teen Miss and Teen Miss pageants will be held at 1:30 p.m. and the Little Miss and Miss pageants will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Little Miss and Miss will compete in the National Peanut Festival Pageant. For questions, call Teresa Dutton at 347-2848 or Karen Patrick at 347-9667. If no answer, please leave a message, and someone will get back to you.

There will be an organizational meeting March 12 at 2 p.m. at the YMCA Adult Building.

## Pine Level School Reunion to be held March 25th

The Pine Level School Reunion will be held March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria. Please bring a covered dish for dinner. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be provided. Teachers and anyone who attended Pine Level School are invited to attend.

## Elba Chamber to sponsor pageants

This year, The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Miss Elba pageants and the Miss Zion Chapel pageants on March 18. Age divisions include: Future Little Miss: age 4 - Kindergarten; Little Miss: 1st grade; Jr. Miss: 7th grade - age 16; Miss: ages 17-21. Entry forms may be picked up at the Elba Schools, Zion Chapel Schools, or the Chamber office located in the old Elba High School building. The entry forms and \$20 entry fee are due on March 3. They should be turned in to the Chamber office. Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss contestants should turn in 2 - 5x7 black and white photos (one close up and one full length) to the Chamber office by March 10.

## Miss Tindol and Mr. Bryan announce wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Jackey and Susan Tindol of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Keli Von Tindol, to Elmer Tyler Bryan Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler and Debby Bryan of Elba.

Keli is the granddaughter of Peggy Creel and the late Melton Creel and the late Vonnice M. Tindol and the late Roy Tindol, all of Elba. Keli is also the great-granddaughter of Essie M. Brooks of Crestview, Fla.

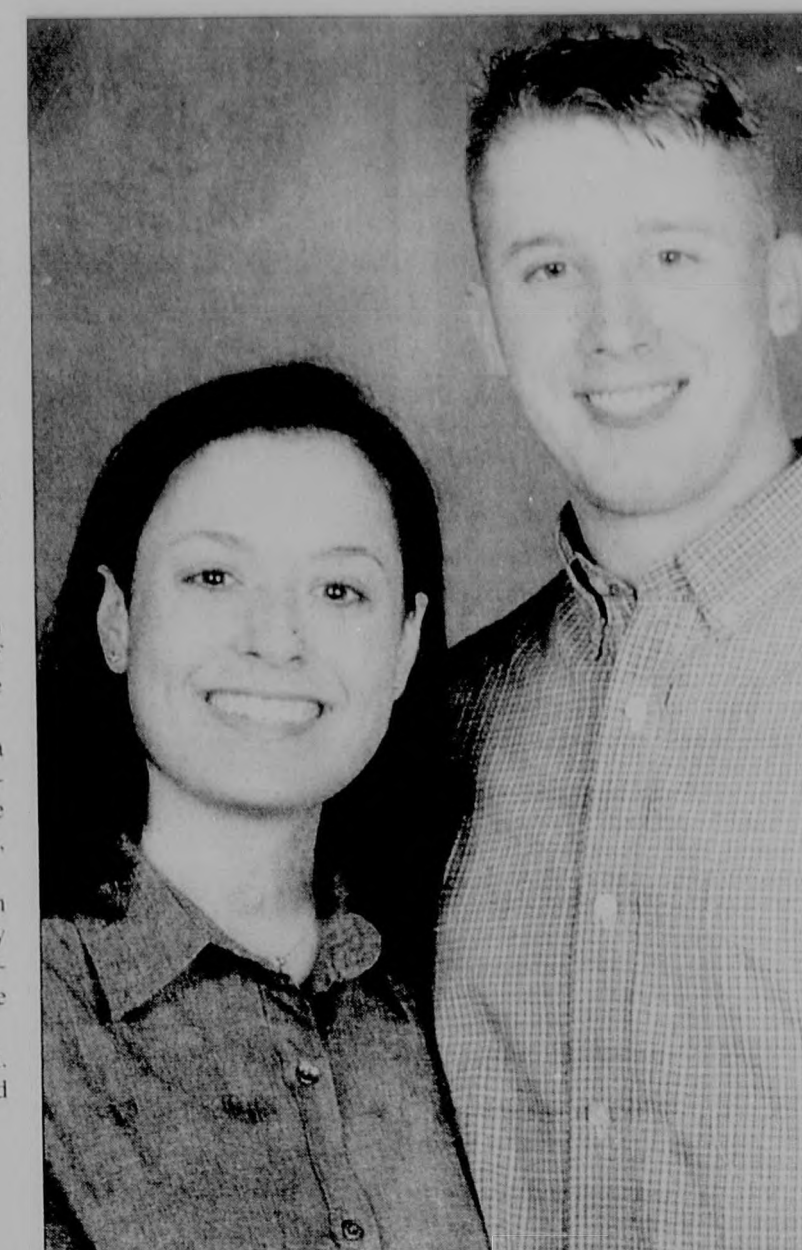
She is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School and will receive her BS degree in elementary education in May 2000 from Troy State University.

Trae is the grandson of Jean Jones and the late Junior Jones of Opp and Dot Bryan and the late Elmer Bryan of Elba.

He is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School. He is currently enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. and stationed in Quantico, Va.

The wedding will be held on May 27, 2000 at Mountain Valley Chapel in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Following the honeymoon, the couple will reside in Quantico, Va.

No local invitations will be sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Miss Tindol and Mr. Bryan

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# SCHOOLS

## Basketball Wrap-Up

The B-Team Varsity Girls, and Varsity Boys basketball teams have played the last basketball games for the year. The points have been totaled and the season averages have been tallied.

Out of 16 games, the B-Team won 6. Brandon Arnold led the season scoring with 139 points and an average of 8.7 points per game. Ranked as the second highest scorer was Sam Wambles with 103 points and an average of 6.4 points per game. The next two leading scorers were Randall Brunson and Michael Rayburn. Randall scored 97 points and had an average of 6.1. Michael averaged 4.4 points per game with a total of 70.

The girls varsity team won 4 out of 21 games. The leading scorer for the season was Rebecca Kidd who scored a total of 246 points giving her an average of 12.3 points per game. Next in the number of points scored was Kayla Eddins who averaged 8 points per game with a total of 167. Jessica Flowers had 93 points and an average of 4.4 and Tara Grant scored 50 points with an average of 2.4.

Marcus Taylor led the varsity scoring with a total of 329 points. He averaged 14.3 points per game in a season where the Rebels won 6 out of 21 games. Wes Bragg scored 323 points and had an average of 14 points per game. Josh McWaters was third place in the scoring with 168 points and an average of 7.3. The fourth in scoring was Alan Sanders who averaged 4.9 points per game and accumulated a total of 112 points.

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## Coffee County Schools Menu March 6 - 10, 2000

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Biscuits, Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuits, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Pancakes, Link Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Spaghetti, Hot Dog, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Hamburger, Turkey Salad w/ Pita Bread, French Fries, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Sauce, Fruit, Milk  
**Thursday** - Burrito, Chicken Nuggets, Whole Potatoes, English Peas, Fruit, Milk  
**Friday** - Fish Sandwich, Turkey & Cheese Hoagie, Potato Round, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Fruit, Milk

## ZCES Holds Cultural Diversity Assembly

A Cultural Diversity Assembly was held in late February by the staff and students of Zion Chapel Elementary School.

The program began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag led by Cody Walker and Jasmine Bell. A patriotic song was presented by Hayee Vaughan and Hannah Donn. The student body, staff, and visitors were welcomed by Stephanie Berry and Tiffany Boyd. Mrs. Deborah Herron and Mrs. Bernadette Smith explained what the occasion was all the same. The focus of their explanation was that everyone was different but yet the same.

The members of Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten class and Mrs. Betty McIntosh's third grade class sang "Great, Great, Day." This group was directed by Mrs. LaTonya Foster who is interning in Mrs. McIntosh's class. Mrs. Smith's class and Mr. Herrington's second grade class sang "Buenos Dias."

Mrs. Smith, who helped prepare the program, gathered some authentic costumes for selected students to wear to show diversity in dress and dance. The costumes and dances were those of the Native American, Indian, Chinese, Mexican/Spanish, African, and American Country Western.

During the week of celebration, the different classes participated in



Black History Trivia Contest Winners are pictured above. They are (l-r): front row - Erica Lewis, Chelsey Freeman, Kelly Hatcher, and LeAnna Vinson; back row - Josh Gilbert, Matthew Williams, and Nathaniel Cox.

a bulletin board contest and the winners were announced at the Cultural Diversity Assembly. First place was taken by Mrs. Bernadette Smith, second by Mrs. Betty McIntosh, and third by Mrs. LaTonya Foster. The Elba High School Gospel Choir was invited to attend the program to perform and they did. They performed several Negro Spirituals. Closing remarks were made by Mr. Bob Andrews and Mrs. Deborah Herron. Mrs. Herron said, "Students are rainbows, each are of the rainbow maintains its own color, but all blend together to create one beautiful effect."

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## TSU Students Intern At Zion Chapel

Hollie Schofield, a senior at Troy State University, is currently doing her student internship in the Resource Class instructed by Mrs. Gabe Jackson.



Ms. Schofield is from Luverne where she attended the Crenshaw Christian Academy. Her parents are Buddy and Lynn Schofield. At Troy State she is a member of

the Student National Education Association, the Student Council for Exceptional Children, and Kappa Delta Pi honor society. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority where she has served as secretary and courtesy coordinator. She was recently awarded the Ed Ackerman Foundation Scholarship which is given to a junior or senior majoring in special education.

When asked why she had chosen to major in special education, Ms. Schofield said, "I guess I don't really have a 'reason' why I want to be a special educator. I just know that I love the experiences I have had with these students. I am intrigued and constantly want to learn more. I feel like this is what I was meant to do."

**LaTonya Moultrie Foster**  
LaTonya Foster was born in Mobile, Ala., the youngest of six children. She began her education in 1973 at New Hope Elementary School in New Hope, Ala. At the end of the freshman year, she transferred to Zion Chapel High School and during her studies at ZC, she was a member of the Student Government Association, the band, 4-H Club, and Future Business Leaders.

During the years that she worked as a teacher's aide, she realized that she had a great compassion for children. She enrolled at Troy State University and began her college career as an elementary education major.

When asked about her philosophy of education, Mrs. Foster said, "I believe that all children can learn, yet I know that all children do not learn at the same rate or in the same way. I further believe that it is the responsibility of the teacher to meet every child at his or her level to ensure that development is at its fullest capability."

Mrs. Foster is doing her internship under the supervision of Mrs. Betty McIntosh who teaches third grade.

**Leslie Brooke Creel**  
Leslie Creel is another intern from Troy State University. She is currently doing an internship under the supervision of Mrs. Kelly Cobb who is one of the first grade teachers at Zion Chapel Elementary.



Ms. Creel is from Elba, Ala., where she attended high school. She was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, Students Against Drunk Driving, the Spanish Club, and Girl Scout Troop #300. She was reporter for the Future Farmers of America. She graduated in 1994.

At Troy State University she is majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority and worked in the campus Telecommunications Department. She is currently a member of the Alabama Reading Association and International Reading Association.

When asked why she wanted to teach, Ms. Creel said, "It is my background of strong family ties and positive role models that have played some song bytes that were representative of opera, jazz, country, blues, rock and roll, and R&B. He explained these kinds of music and gave the audience a chance to identify what was being played. The Elba High School Gospel Choir was invited to attend the program to perform and they did. They performed several Negro Spirituals. Closing remarks were made by Mr. Bob Andrews and Mrs. Deborah Herron. Mrs. Herron said, "Students are rainbows, each are of the rainbow maintains its own color, but all blend together to create one beautiful effect."

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**MICROCOMPUTER LEVEL I** Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer - Level I, will be offering a third session this spring semester to assist persons having no keyboarding skills. Participants will be introduced to the computer keyboard, taught basic computer terminology, and have hands-on experience with a word processing software package. Overcoming a fear of computer usage, understanding basic keyboarding functions, and gaining a sense of the potential for computer use in the home, work and/or educational environment are emphasized. Participants must bring a 1/2" disk to the first class. The course is scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays, April 3-11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee for the course, and the registration deadline is March 27. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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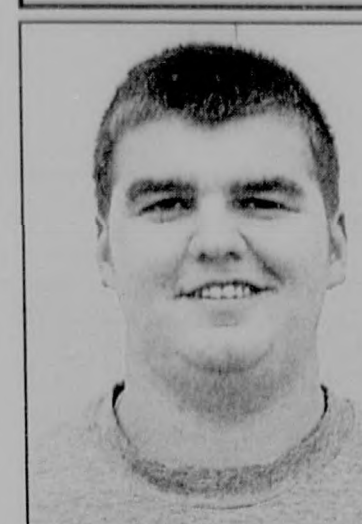
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## Co-Op Spotlight



by **Natasha Bannin**  
This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on **Neil Grantham**. He is employed at First Financial here in Elba where he does clerical work. Neil is the 17-year-old son of Kenneth and Lucia Grantham and is a junior at Elba High. He is a member of VICA, Sr. Beta, and SGA. After high school, Neil plans to attend college.



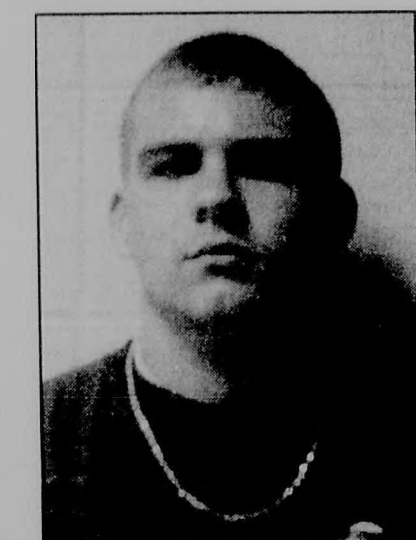
## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
**Kimberly Ward**  
**Cammie Kelley**

## EHS Students Attend Government Conference Held In Nation's Capital

Katie Vaughan, Melissa Grantham, Raean McColough and Vaughan Boyd, students at Elba High School in Elba, Ala., recently took part in the Presidential Classroom Science, Technology and Public Policy Program in Washington, D.C. They joined nearly 400 high school juniors and seniors from 45 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The students spent the week meeting with government leaders and learning about the democratic process firsthand while concentrating on science and technology issues. Highlights for the week included seminars led by Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR); Mr. Buzz Hitt, vice president of government relations, Honeywell International Inc.; and Mr. Gregory Schuckman, director of communications and corporate relations, Southeastern Universities Research Association. The week also included a private tour of the White House and the National Security Agency, and small-group visits to CIA Headquarters, FBI headquarters at Quantico and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Students rounded out the week with appointments in the offices of their Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill.

## Jump In Jump Out & Introduce Yourself!



by **Cammie Kelley**  
This week's spotlight focuses on **Josh Tice**. His parents are Donna Roberts and Dale Tice. Josh is in the ninth grade. He is 14 years old. His hobbies include playing sports and having fun with friends. He plays football for the Elba Tigers on Friday nights. Josh thinks that Elba High is a fun school to attend. He thinks that all the teachers and students are very congenial.

The things that make Josh diverse are that he listens to what people have to say and he always tries his best.

## Contest Winner



**Dieonne Flowers**  
by **Amy Kirkland**  
The local chapter of FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) recently held a traffic safety flyer contest. First place went to Dieonne Flowers, who was awarded \$20 for her winning design. Dieonne's entry reminded people to buckle-up for safety and because it is the law. During FCCLA week, February 14-18, FCCLA members will be distributing approximately 200 Dieonne's Flyers on cars all around town.

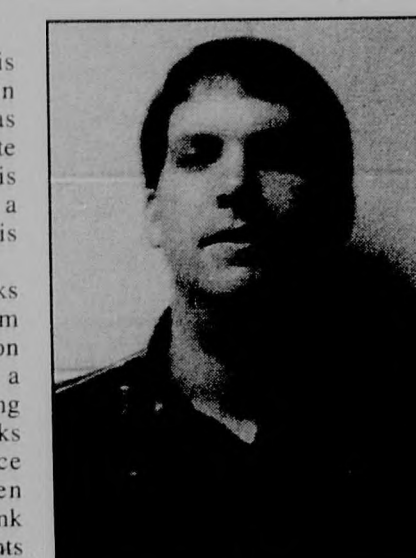
## SUPPORT ELBA TIGER BASEBALL

## \*Meet Our Faculty\*

by **Emilee Benbow**  
This week Elba High School is recognizing Coach Brian Weeks in our "Meet Our Faculty." He was born in Opp, Ala. and is a graduate from Kingston High School. He is married to Vickie Weeks and has a daughter, Victoria Weeks, who is ten months old.

After high school Coach Weeks obtained his Masters degree from Troy State University. The reason he became a teacher, as well as a coach is because he loves working with young people. Coach Weeks has been teaching at Elba since 1990 and enjoys teaching even more every year. He said, "I think we have some of the best students in the nation!" When asked what he would change about Elba he said, "Nothing at all."

We would like to thank Coach



Weeks for his time and service at Elba High School and hope he is here for many more years!

## Elba Elementary School Menu March 6 - 10, 2000

**BREAKFAST**  
**Monday** - Teacher In-Service  
**Tuesday** - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Biscuits & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

**LUNCH**  
**Monday** - Teacher In-Service  
**Tuesday** - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Corn, Apple, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Chili w/ Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk  
**Thursday** - Chicken Filet on Bun, Blackeye Peas, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk  
**Friday** - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk

## Yearbooks Now On Sale - Get Yours Now!!

by **Monique Ordon**  
The 1999/2000 Elbals are on sale. The sales began on Feb. 14, and will continue until March 8. The price is \$28 per yearbook. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, please contact any Journalism staff member or call Elba High School. Also, staff members will be going door-to-door in the elementary school and high school if any parent wants to send the money by their child. Please make checks payable to Elba High School or Elbals Staff. Thank you for your support.

## Band News

**Band Dance 2000**  
by **Emilee Qualls**  
On Feb. 12, the Elba High School Band held their annual Band Dance. The dance began approximately around 8 p.m. The theme this year was, "The Phantom of the Opera." At 9:00, there was a lead out for the Senior members and the officers in the band. After the lead out was a lead out dance. A door prize was given away and Miss Ashley Harrelson was the lucky winner. There were a lot of memorable times made at the Band Dance.

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## Elba Seniors Receive Scholarships

by **Kimberly Ward**  
Many high school seniors search for ways to fund their college education. The most common way to obtain money from college is through scholarships. Many scholarships are available and many are unclaimed every year. Scholarships are offered to students by colleges, privately owned businesses, and specialized groups.

Three seniors at Elba High School received or are competing for scholarships offered by businesses or groups. Many seniors in the school system have received scholarships from colleges that they are planning to attend in the fall. These scholarship announcements will be announced at Honor's Day held on May 2 in the Elba High School Auditorium.

is approved by the Wal-Mart foundation. Emilee traveled to Enterprise during the month of February for an interview with the scholarship committee. There were five finalists that competed for the scholarship. Emilee excelled in the interview and was awarded the scholarship. She will be attending

be announced in April 2000. Vaughan will probably be attending



**VAUGHAN BOYD**

Auburn University in the fall. Vaughan Boyd, the daughter of Harriet and L.A. Boyd IV, is currently competing in the Toyota Community Scholars Program. This scholarship is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, Inc. It awards 100 renewable scholarships valued at \$10,000 or \$20,000 over four years. Seniors who will enroll in a college or university in the United States in the fall of 2000 are eligible. The scholarship program recognizes academic excellence and encourages young people to participate in community service. Each high school must choose one senior who has an outstanding academic record, is an effective leader, and has a record of service in and outside of the school. Academics and the student's contribution in the area of community service are also a tremendous part in the scholarship. Vaughan is competing with other outstanding seniors around the U.S. and the winner will



**KIMBERLY WARD**

Samford University in the fall. Kimberly Ward, the daughter of Cathy Ward, is competing in the Principal's Leadership Award scholarship program. This award is co-sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Herff Jones, Inc. The purpose of this award is to recognize a student leader and to nominate that student for a national scholarship. The program awards 150 scholarships of \$1,000 each year. The award is open to seniors only. The requirements for the scholarship is that the nominee must be in the top 20% of their class, demonstrate leadership, and show outstanding academic performance. These nominations are chosen by the school and are not based on financial need. The winners will be announced at the National Student Leadership Week during April 16-22, 2000. Kimberly is undecided on where she will be attending college.

Congratulations and good luck to all three girls. Congratulations, also, to every senior at EHS who has received scholarships from colleges. The seniors at Elba High School are all outstanding and deserve to be recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments.

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## SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We took the girls clothes shopping over the weekend, and after making it home just before dark on Saturday night, still had enough money left to buy a newspaper and watch TV. All kidding aside, the girls did manage to find some sales that saved Mom and Dad a little money, and maybe they will both have enough clothes and shoes to last them at least a month or so. If not, they can sit home with Dad and watch TV!

## CLEANING OUT THE NOTEBOOK....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers saw their dreams of winning the 3A state basketball championship turn into a mid-afternoon nightmare last Wednesday when they were eliminated in the opening round of the Southeast Regional Tournament by defending 3A state champ Trinity, of Montgomery. The highly-ranked Tigers were heavy favorites to win the regional and advance on to Birmingham, but fell into the slowdown trap of Trinity and scored only 18 points in the first half, then saw a late second half rally, fall short as they ended the season with a 25-6 record. A look at the game stats makes it easy to see just how the Tigers lost, since they shot only 23 of 53 from the floor, connected on only 4 of 19 three-point attempts, hit only 6 of 15 free throws and were out-rebounded 33-30 by a much shorter team. Elba's players went through a lot of distractions during the season and had to make numerous adjustments to satisfy their four different head coaches, but the players never once made any excuses or comments about what happened. The Tigers took every bump in the road in style, and even though they were obviously very disappointed with the loss to Trinity, took it with class and praised the Trinity players for winning the game. This was a very special group of seniors at Elba High School, and they set a high standard that future Tiger teams will try to live up to. Thanks guys, it was quite a ride!

\*\*\* The New Brockton Gamecocks made it to the 2A Southwest Region finals for the second straight season, but for the second straight year they saw their quest for a berth in the Final 4 stopped by Calera. The Gamecocks battled the high-flying Eagles throughout the game and had a chance to win late, only to see Calera score the final nine points of the game and escape with the win. New Brockton had a senior-laden ball club that played together since they were in the seventh grade, and it showed in the area tournament, the sub-region finals and at the regional tournament, as the Gamecocks met every challenge head on and played hard until the final horn sounded. This group of seniors didn't reach its goal of winning a state championship, but they certainly left the court as one of the winningest classes ever at basketball-rich New Brockton High School. Congratulations on a great season and great career!

\*\*\* The Brantley Bulldogs saw their 1A state title hopes slip away in an opening round loss to Akron in the 1A Southwest Regionals, and while it is always disappointing when the Brantley Bulldogs lose in any sport, last week's loss wasn't as hard to swallow as many others in the past. The Bulldogs played as hard as any team in the state, but simply did not have as much talent as previous Brantley cage teams, and the fact their opponents were playing "Brantley" always made the Bulldogs a marked team. Just to make it to the Southwest Regionals was an accomplishment, and one that the Bulldogs and their fans should be proud of!

\*\*\* Now on to the coaches... Elba's Coach Johnny Dunn ended his career as the head man for the Tigers with the loss last week, but should be remembered for the job he did after stepping in after the exit of Marlon Johnston. Coach Dunn was in a no-win situation as coach of the Tigers, but never made any excuses and worked long and hard to try and help the team reach its goal of winning a state championship. Dunn put in a little of his own basketball beliefs with a lot of what the players had learned in the past, and in a matter of only a few short weeks made the team even better than it was. Johnny Dunn is now back behind his desk as the assistant principal at Elba High, but he will always be remembered as the Tigers coach that helped his team win 25 games.

New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher has reportedly coached his final basketball game for the Gamecocks, and while New Brockton fell one game short of earning a berth in Birmingham for the second straight year, Coach Thrasher's accomplishments at New Brockton were nothing short of outstanding. Keith Thrasher is a teacher of the game, and anyone that has ever watched him coach will tell you that he teaches for every single minute of the game, and his class (team) almost always makes high marks for their performance. I know a lot of Gamecock fans disagreed with the style of play Thrasher used over the years. However, they will all agree on one thing, that he is a winning coach, and his players love the sport, and what it takes to win. With his style of discipline and teamwork, Coach Thrasher may be one of the last of a dying breed of coaches... and that is not for the best of the sport, or its players.

Coach Tony Stallworth is also rumored to be hanging it up at Brantley, and if that is true, the Bulldogs will be losing their winningest coach of all time, in any sport. Coach Stallworth led Brantley to three straight state championships in basketball, and turned the Bulldogs into one of the most feared high school teams in the state, regardless of classification. He believed in discipline both on and off the court, and could have won even more... yes than he did if not for his rigid style of discipline, that often revivited in players sitting out key games. If he comes back it will be great for the Bulldogs and their fans. If not, the people in Brantley will lose a legend in high school basketball.

\*\*\* Looking back at the Regionals, it simply wasn't the best of years for the teams in this part of the state. At Troy State, first round upset losers included (Boys) Houston Academy, Geneva County, Elba, Clayton and Dothan, as well as (Girls) Slocomb, Calhoun, Geneva, Charles Henderson and Dothan. Losing in the region finals were (Girls) Houston Academy, Highland Home, Headland and Andalusia. The only survivors in Troy were the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs, which finally proved to everyone that they were indeed under-rated throughout the season. Down in Mobile it was more of the same, as (Boys) New Brockton, Brantley and (Girls) Pleasant Home all failed to earn a state finals berth, but at least the Pleasant Home boys did make it out for the second straight season. Some of the best high school basketball in the state is played year in and year out down here in Southeast Alabama. Unfortunately, very few teams ever make it to Birmingham to show their stuff.

\*\*\* In closing... Ronald McKinnon signed a new three-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals last week, ending speculation about where he would go after becoming an unrestricted free agent. I talked with Ronald last week and he told me that he was interested in both New Orleans and Green Bay, but in the end both the Cardinals and McKinnon showed their loyalty to each other and worked out a deal. I just hope Ronald will get the chance to be a winner in the NFL, and not just remain a great player on a not so great team.

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Boys and girls teams on the road this weekend

## All-Star teams begin District ARPA tournaments

## 10 &amp; UNDER BOYS

The Elba 10 and Under Boys All-Stars will begin their tournament trail on Friday night, March 3, when they battle the Greenville All-Stars, in the opening round of the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association "District 7" Basketball Tournament, to be played at the Geneva High School gym.

The Elba All-Stars will swing into action Friday night at 8:00, and will join Opp, Troy, Andalusia, Enterprise and Geneva in the "West Division" tournament.

Coach Jim McCormick will lead the All-Stars into tournament play, and will be led by the high-scoring trio of Antwon Tillis, Jordan Flowers and Trey Martin. Other team members expected to help lead the team include Derrick Jackson, Rob Saunders, Aaron Jacobs, Aaron Harelson, Chase Boutwell, Martin McCormick, Don Rhoades, Nicholas Nelson and Ryan McCollough.

"We are going to be aggressive all over the court," said Coach McCormick, "and we are going down to Geneva with the intention of winning the tournament. The players have all worked hard and I expect them all to play well Friday night."

Following is the tournament bracket:

## FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Game 1 (6:00) Troy vs. Andalusia  
Game 2 (7:00) Enterprise vs. Geneva

Game 3 (8:00) Greenville vs. Elba  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Game 4 (11:00) Opp vs. Game 1 winner  
Game 5 (12:00) Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner

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Other teams competing in the West Division tournament will include Greenville 1, Opp, Greenville II, Troy and Enterprise.

The Elba All-Stars will be coached by A.R. Williams and Terrell Hammond, and will be led on the court by the back court talents of guards LaRay Williams, Duke Carr, Mason Gulley and Lonzo Cook. Other team members that are expected to lead the way include William Carpenter, Lamar Ware, Lewis Johnson, Ron Hill, Andrew Stouedemire, Reymar Rogers and Stefan Banks.

"We have a very talented group of youngsters," said Coach A.R. Williams, "and we expect to play well in Greenville. We will have to play well every minute of every quarter to win, but the players know what it will take and I look for them to play hard and represent Elba well."

Following is a tournament bracket:

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Game 1 (9:00) Opp vs. Greenville II  
Game 2 (10:00) Elba vs. Andalusia

Game 3 (11:00) Troy vs. Enterprise  
Game 4 (1:30) Greenville I vs. Game 1 winner

Game 5 (2:30) Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner  
Game 6 (5:00) Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner

## 10 &amp; UNDER GIRLS

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## KINSTON RECREATION DEPT. NEWS

\*\*\* A queen size "Flower Wreath Quilt" will be given away on May 13th at the Heflin Smith Sports Complex, in Kinston. The quilt was hand made by the Senior Citizens in Kinston, and donations are \$1 per ticket, with all proceeds going to the Kinston Recreation Department. For more information call Kinston Town Hall at 565-3188.

\*\*\* The Kinston Recreation Department has softball fields available for individuals, clubs or churches interested in hosting softball tournaments. The Kinston Recreation Department will provide all concessions. Contact Kinston Town Hall at 565-3188 for more information.

## Red Cross to hold First Aid &amp; Safety course at Ft. Rucker

The American Red Cross will be holding a Community First Aid and Safety Course on Saturday, March 11, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The course certifies individuals in adult, infant, and child CPR, as well as first aid. The cost of the course is \$30. The location for the course is the Soldier Service Center on Ft. Rucker. To register, call the Coffee County Chapter Office at 347-2461 or the Ft. Rucker Red Cross office at 255-1055.

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## SPORTS

Upset by Trinity 61-56

## Tigers take a tumble in region tourney

The Elba Tigers saw their dreams of a state championship come to an unexpected end in the opening round of the Southeast Regional Basketball Tournament last Wednesday afternoon when they were eliminated by the Trinity Wildcats 61-56.

The loss left the Tigers with a final record of 25-6, while Trinity improved its record to 20-10 with the win.

Elba pulled ahead early in the opening stanza at 4-2 on a tip-in by

Monroe Williams and a short jumper by Tim Ware, but Trinity reeled off the next six points of the game to grab an 8-4 lead, and extended its lead to 12-6 with 2:41 remaining on a driving lay-up by Bobby Trot.

Williams and Ware sparked a 6-2 Tiger rally late in the first quarter that helped Elba pull within 14-12. However, the Wildcats answered the Elba spurt and went on a 7-2 run of their own to move ahead 21-14 with 4:18 left in the half, and never

looked back as Trinity went in at the half with a surprising 26-18 advantage over the fourth-ranked Tigers.

Elba picked up its intensity on both ends of the court in the third quarter and pulled within 27-23 with 6:55 left in the stanza on a three-pointer by Wayne Reed, but the Wildcats again answered the Tiger rally, and scored the next six points of the quarter to stretch their advantage to 33-23 with 4:59 remaining.

The Tigers still trailed by ten points at 37-27 with 3:29 left in the third quarter, but finally got Trinity rattled with its aggressive defensive pressure, and led by the play of Wayne Reed went on a 10-2 run to cut the Wildcats' lead to 39-37 with only 42 left in the stanza!

The Tigers appeared ready to grab the lead; however, Trinity converted a lay-up with 10 left, and then banked in a desperation shot for a three-pointer at the buzzer to head into the fourth quarter with a 44-37 lead.

The Tigers and Wildcats swapped baskets during the opening minutes of the final stanza, with Trinity owning a seemingly safe 49-42 lead with 4:37 left on the clock. The lead was anything but safe; however, as Elba scored the next six points of the stanza to pull within 49-48 with 2:19 still remaining!

Trinity took advantage of two Tiger turnovers to extend its lead to 55-48 with 1:15 remaining, and with 47 left on the clock the Wildcats were once again in command with a big 58-50 advantage.



Elba's Josh Lawford (20) dribbles upcourt in last week's loss to Trinity. Lawford hit a key three-pointer to spark a Tiger rally, but Elba was upset by the Wildcats 61-56 in Southeast Region Tournament action.

Loses late to Calera 71-60

## New Brockton Gamecocks fall in finals

The New Brockton Gamecocks competed in the Southwest Regional Basketball Tournament last week in Mobile, and fell just one win short of earning a trip to Birmingham this week for the "Final 4" state high school championships.

The Gamecocks opened the tournament with an easy 75-49 win over Maplesville, but then lost to Calera 71-60 in the finals, to settle for runner-up honors.

Following are highlights of both regional tournament games:

## NEW BROCKTON 75

MAPLESVILLE 49

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and never looked back last Tuesday night to claim an impressive 75-49 win over the Maplesville Red Devils, in the opening round of the regional tournament.

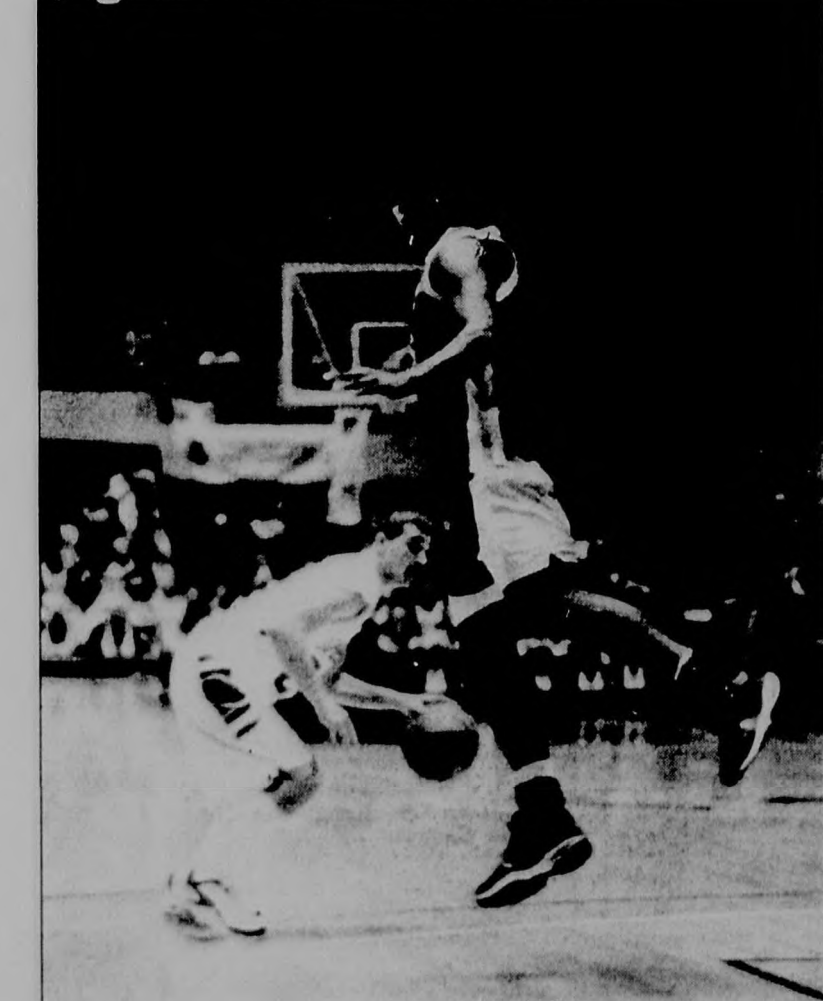
The Gamecocks broke the Devil's

half-court press without any problems early in the game and jumped out to a quick 12-7 lead behind the inside scoring of Pate Harrison, and then rode the three-point shooting of Kellen Cole and Maurice Jones late in the second quarter to go in at the half with a lopsided 33-14 advantage.

New Brockton continued its onslaught in the opening minutes of the third quarter as the Gamecocks extended their lead to 44-19, but this time the Red Devils tried to battle back, and went on a 7-0 spurt of their own to cut the Brockton advantage to 44-26.

The Gamecocks carried a 50-32 lead into the final stanza, and quickly put any Maplesville hopes for a miracle comeback to rest, as Jason McKenzie scored nine straight points in a 14-5 Gamecock run that gave New Brockton a big 64-37 advantage.

The Gamecocks broke the Devil's



New Brockton's Josh Lewis (in white) heads to basket after getting a defender airborne. Lewis and the Gamecocks reached the Southwest Region finals last week in Mobile, only to fall to Calera 71-60.

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The Tigers were down, but were still determined to pull out the win, and pulled within 59-56 with 28 left after Sammy Hill and Aaron Coleman connected on long range three-pointers.

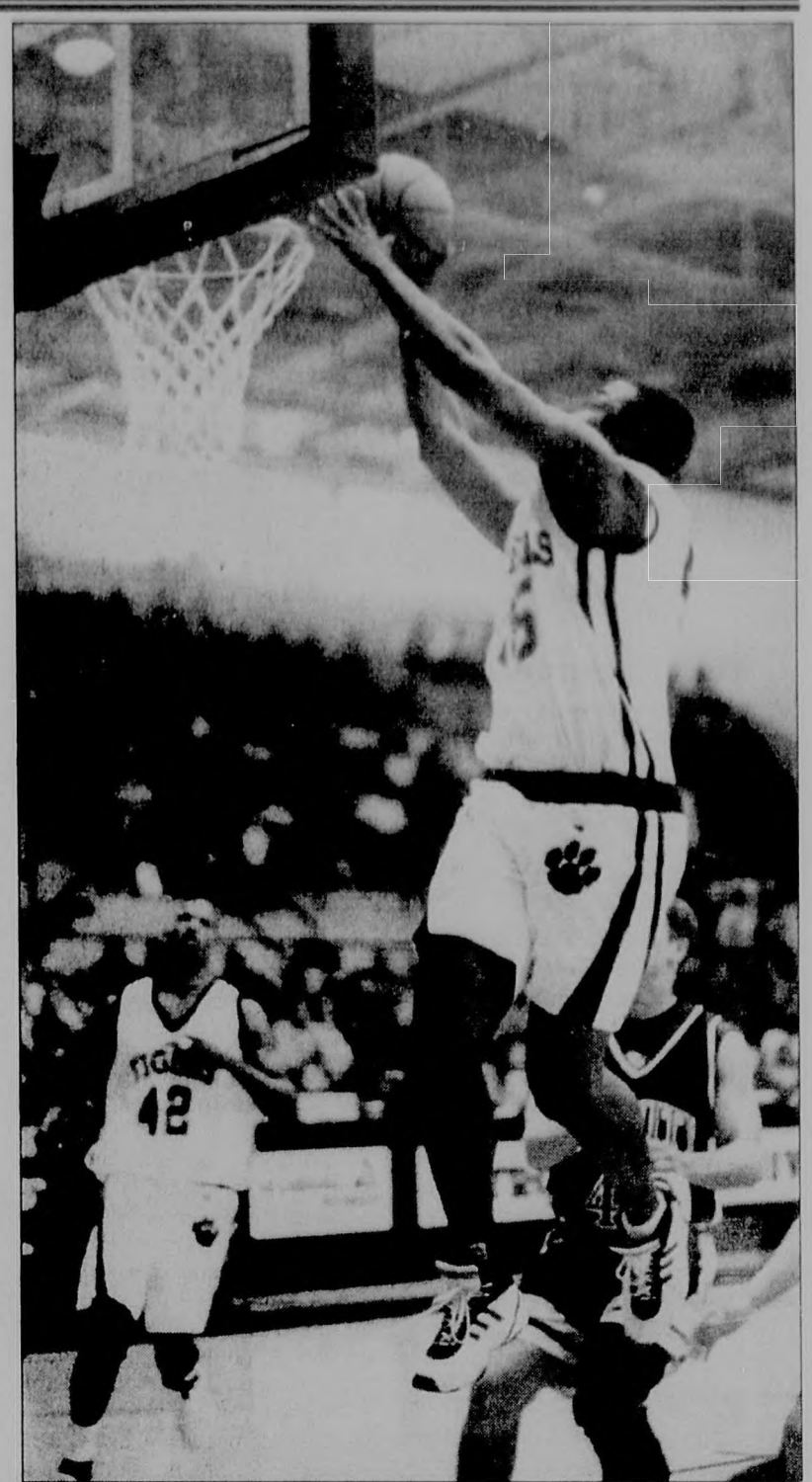
The Tigers had a chance to pull within two-points with :18 still left in the game, but failed to convert the front end of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity, and Trinity then simply ran out the clock to upset the Tigers 61-56.

Tim Ware scored 19 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead Elba, while Wayne Reed scored 13 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, and Monroe Williams added 13 points. Elba hit only 23 of 53 shots from the floor in the loss, including a miserable 4 of 19 from behind the three-point line and only 6 of 15 free-throws.

Brian Dupree scored 15 points to lead Trinity, while Bobby Trot added 14 points, and Bret Eddins scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Trinity hit 23 of 46 shots in the win, including 2 of 4 from behind the three-point line and 13 of 22 from the free-throw stripe.

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Trinity (61): Dupree 15, Decker 9, Barnett 9, Trot 14, Eddins 11, McLemore 3.  
Elba (56): Hill 5, Lawford 3, Reed 13, Ware 19, Williams 13, Coleman 3.



Elba's Monroe Williams (45) goes high to lay in an easy two-pointer in the Tigers' 61-56 loss to Trinity in last week's Southeast Regional. Williams, a senior, scored 13 points for the Tigers, which ended their season with a 25-6 record. Also pictured for the Tigers is Tim Ware (42).

## VARSITY &amp; JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL - SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

## BASEBALL

## SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, MARCH 2  
Elba at Arton  
Kinston at G.W. Long  
Brantley at Samson

FRIDAY, MARCH 3  
Spring Fling Tournament, in Dothan

SATURDAY, MARCH 4  
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MONDAY, MARCH 6  
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Samson at Kinston

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## A.M.E. churches in Ozark District to hold mid-year meeting

Presiding Elder J.F. McCloud will convene his mid-year reports meeting on Saturday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul A.M.E. Church where the Rev. Horace J. Fitchard Jr. is pastor. Rev. Andrew Williams, pastor of the Hartford Circuit, will bring the morning message. The Ozark District Youth Choir, directed by Rev. James Corbett, pastor of the Florida-Lockhart Circuit, and accompanied by Mr. Jason Brown of Enterprise, will furnish music for the worship services. The District

## One Accord to be in concert at Westside Baptist Church

One Accord will be in concert at Westside Baptist Church, located on Caroline Street in Elba, on Sunday, March 5. The concert will begin at 10 a.m. No admission charge, but a love offering will be taken during the service. Everyone

## Elba Church of God to hold Barbecue

Elba Church of God will have a barbecue this Saturday, March 11. To order or for more information call 897-2989 or 897-1593.

## Brundidge Church of God plan Revival Services

Brundidge Church of God will hold Revival Services March 1-5. Sunday night, from 6:30 - 7:30 in the Maggie Garrett. Sunday School, Saturday, March 4, and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 5. Mann Kirkland and the Mann Kirkland Singers will minister in word and song. Everyone is invited.

## Grief Support Group meets every Monday at Elba United Methodist Church

A Grief Support Group, directed by Janice Clark meets every Monday Night from 6:30 - 7:30 in the Maggie Garrett. Sunday School, classroom at The Elba United Methodist Church. Entry is on the side of the church on W. Davis St. Anyone who is experiencing a grief situation is welcome to attend. For more information call the church office, 897-2219 - Rev. John Baxter or 897-6127 - Janice Clark.

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Scripture: Luke 23:50-54

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Hattie Bell Carpenter, the Underwood and Rodgers Families, Grace Simmons, Kenneth Brunson, Rosie Daniels, Mrs. Marshall Mitchell, Mary Tom Hooks, Adam Dunlop, the Ennis Family, Stella M. Tyson.  
\*\*\*March Birthdays: Warren Belcher, March 5; Juanita Belcher Brooks, March 5; Charlene Barry, March 6; Oscar Hogan, March 6; Elijah Barry, March 12; Nettie R. Hogan, March 12.  
\*\*\*Wow! Look!!  
Jean Gospel Fest at the Enterprise Civic Center on March 5 at 4 p.m. In Concert, Mary D. Turner and Gospel Caravans, Clayton, Ala.; Liberty Aires, Enterprise; Gospel Travelers, Dothan; A.Z. Stanley and Bible Tones, Dothan. Special guests: McDonald Sisters, Fayetteville, N.C. and Keith Wonder Boy and Spiritual Voices, Brooklyn, N.Y. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.  
\*\*\*Christian Fellowship and Spring Revival of the First Unity Missionary Baptist Church in Andalusia will be March 6-10 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers to include Rev. W.O. Edwards - Monday night; Rev. Rodderick Caldwell Tuesday night; Rev. Kelvin Burks - Wednesday night; Rev. Paul Phillips - Thursday night; and Rev. C.A. Hammonds Jr. - Friday night.  
\*\*\*Family and Friends Day of the LeGrand Community Church in LeGrand, Ala. was Feb. 27. Guest speaker was Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, Tusculum, Ala. and Asst. Pastor at Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Leighton, Ala.  
Those attending this Black History Month Program from Enterprise, New Brockton, Glenwood, Opp and Elba were: Minister Edwards, Minister Ronnie Russell, Inez Long, Alex Daniels, Evelyn

Manning, Mason Guley, Juanita Brooks, Dee'Nard and Rec'Nita, Chris West, Michelle, Justin, and Ebony, Alan Belcher, Janie Mae Kelley, Joyce Jones, Ernestine B. Kelley, Melissa, Jana, and Kimberly and Eria Lindsey Belcher.  
\*\*\*Black History Pledge - Dr. Maya Angelou, May 14, 1986  
Because we have forgotten our ancestors, our children no longer give us honor.  
Because we have lost the path our ancestors cleared kneeling in prayer, our children cannot pray.  
Because we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children cannot pray.  
Because the old walls of our ancestors have faded beyond our hearing, our children cannot hear his crying.  
Because we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and fathering, our befuddled children give birth to children they neither want nor understand.

Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves to one another, to embrace our lovelest to keep company with our loneliest, to educate our illiterate, to feed our starving, to clothe our ragged, to do all good things, knowing that we are more than keepers of our brothers and sisters. We are brothers and sisters. In honor of those who toiled and implored God with golden tongues, and in gratitude to the same God who brought us out of hopeless desolation, we make this pledge.  
Did we forget something?  
Remember not to forget.  
Remember Black History all year!  
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## Church Directory

<p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Bonnet Abbott, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. 1st, 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> E. H. Hill, Minister Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Even. Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Randy Neal, Minister Bible Study.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET</b> J. L. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Alton Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Hon. F. Moore, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBROON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Mark Jankoski, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Gerry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FATHI CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Danny Sherer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Denny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS</b> Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Morn. Worship.....8:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION HOLINESS</b> Lennie Bryan, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> John Freeman, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION</b> Mary Seavey Sunday Morn. Service.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Hiram &amp; Linda Williams, Ministers Sunday.....10 &amp; 11 a.m. Sunday Even.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Even.....7:30 p.m. Fri Even.....7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Wayne Weber Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Faron Golden, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Larry Wise, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Ben Amberg, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Ron Stafford, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> John D. Johnson, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bruce Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILLS ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Alfred Inzer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jimmy Maddox, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Lester Johnson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Thursday Service.....7:00 p.m.</p>
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# LIFESTYLES

## Coffee County Heritage Book project well on the way to completion

The Coffee County Heritage Book project is well on the way to completion. Anyone having roots in Coffee County will treasure this book as an heirloom to be passed down to future generations. This book will be a collection of articles written about Coffee County residents, both past and present, completely with many old photographs. It is a book "of the people, by the people, and for the people." It will include parts of the history of Coffee County that may not be found in "regular" history books, such as stories and legends passed down by word of mouth.

Coffee County residents and people whose ancestors were Coffee County residents are being asked to submit detailed family histories and copies of family photos as well as articles about what life was like in Coffee County in years gone by. The major focus of this book is to be the FAMILIES of Coffee County. But the Heritage Committee is also collecting information on the things that were very important to those early families such as their schools, their churches, their communities, their social functions, their businesses, their military history, and the landmarks they left behind.

The Heritage Committee of Coffee County would very much like to have your family history and your community history to be published in this book. All you need to do is to write it and submit it for publication. It is important that all early Coffee County families are covered in this book. The committee will be there to answer questions.

If you cannot attend the meeting, drop by the Pen River Historical Society Gift Shop on Main Street Enterprise to pick up a brochure. Or you may wish to call Anne Hood at 347-897-5852, Lavinia Helms at 334-897-8887, Marion Brunson at 334-897-2427, or Lanell Handley at 334-347-1366. Books may be ordered or questions answered by writing to the following address: Coffee County Heritage Book Committee, P. O. Box 310654, Enterprise, Alabama 36631.

## Coffee County Young Farmers attend conference

Coffee County Young Farmers were among more than 500 who attended the Alabama Farmers Federation's Young Farmers Leadership Conference Feb. 18-20 at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear. The farmers participated in workshops on topics including farm analysis, agricultural law, and legislative issues. In addition, the young farm families in 10 commodity divisions were recognized. Coffee County participants were: Pamela Mitchell, Minister Robert Edwards, Minister Ronnie Russell, Inez Long, Alex Daniels, Evelyn

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# Community News

## Elba Masonic Lodge #170 crowns Tri-County Valentine Queens



**Baby Miss:** (left to right) Ashley Brooke Gilley, 2nd runner-up; Taylor Renee Stanton, Baby Miss Tri-County Valentine; Felicity Sanders, 1st runner-up.



**Tiny Miss:** (left to right) Nina Alexandra Sawyer, 2nd runner-up; Hately Leighann Cook, Tiny Miss Tri-County Valentine; Zoe Bradley, 1st runner-up.



**Little Miss:** (left to right) Haylee Jones, 1st runner-up; Kelli Behrens, Little Miss Tri-County Valentine; Megan Crutchfield, 2nd runner-up.



**Mini Miss:** (left to right) Lauren McClung, 2nd runner-up; Victoria Brooke Stinson, Mini Miss Tri-County Valentine; Summer Parker, 1st runner-up.



**Tot Miss:** Jacey Rayborn, 2nd runner-up; Kinley Meredith Sanders, 1st runner-up; and Grayson Nicole Sanders, 2nd runner-up.



**Junior Miss:** (left to right) Tonya LaShae Faulner, 1st runner-up; Anna Cara Collier, Junior Miss Tri-County Valentine; Morgan Mae Trawick, 2nd runner-up.

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 hosted its annual Tri-County Valentine's Pageant in February. A queen and the runners-up were crowned in all categories including: Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Tot Miss, Little Miss, Mini Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss. Congratulations to all these young ladies!!

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## Adult basketball tournament March 3 & 4 in Elba

The Elba High School Gymnasium will be the site for adult basketball action this weekend during SCOUT SHOOTOUT 2000. The 2-day event is a 16 team, double elimination, full court adult tournament sponsored by Elba Boy Scout Troop 57.

Tournament action will begin Friday at 6 p.m. with games played simultaneously in the Elba High School gymnasium and adjacent practice gym. Play will resume Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Admission charge for spectators each day will be \$2, with children 12 and under admitted free (when accompanied by a parent). Food and beverages will be available.

## Deadline to enter nears for Miss Elba and ZC contestants

This year, The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Miss Elba pageants and the Miss Zion Chapel pageants on March 18. Age divisions include: Future Little Miss; age 4 - Kindergarten; Little Miss; 1st grade; Jr. Miss; 7th grade - age 16; Miss; ages 17-21. Entry forms may be picked up at the Elba Schools, Zion Chapel Schools, or the Chamber office located in the old Elba High School building. The entry forms and \$20 entry fee are due on March 3. They should be turned in to the Chamber office. Little Miss, Jr. Miss and Miss contestants should turn in 2-5x7 black and white photos (one close up and one full length) to the Chamber office by March 10.



**Miss:** (left to right) Valerie Mitchell, 2nd runner-up; Tyre Dale Anderson, Miss Tri-County Valentine; Jessica Shannon Kelley, 1st runner-up.

## Coffee County receives \$190,000 for EQIP

Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Mike Harris announced a 2000 funding allocation of \$190,000 for Coffee County under the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The EQIP program assists farmers in installing conservation practices to reduce erosion and manage animal/poultry wastes in order to improve water quality. The program also assists livestock owners with watering facilities and rotational grazing means in order to improve water quality in adjacent streams.

Four areas in Coffee County are approved for EQIP cost sharing. These areas include the Double Bridges Creek Watershed, the Upper Pea River Watershed, the Lower Pea River Watershed, and the Northeast Yellow River Watershed. Funding for these areas was justified because of potential water quality problems from a variety of agriculturally related activities. A variety of practices are approved for cost sharing under EQIP. The sign-up for EQIP cost sharing is presently underway and will continue until March 22. Please come by the FSA Office or NRCS office in New Brockton to make application or call the NRCS office for needed information at 894-5581, Ext. 3.

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## Coffee County's Chief Real Property Appraiser facing DUI charge

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A Coffee County employee with the Revenue Commissioner's office was arrested last week (Wednesday, March 1) in New Brockton on DUI (Driving Under the Influence) charges.

According to reports, Angela Byrd, 34, chief real property appraiser with the mapping and appraisal office, was driving the 1998 Jeep Cherokee, a county-owned vehicle, when she was stopped by a Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy.

The sheriff's department, at approximately 1:30 p.m., received a report from a citizen that a vehicle had been observed in the Shiloh Community (U. S. Hwy. 84 just west of New Brockton) traveling east in a dangerous manner - being driven erratically. The sheriff's deputy spotted a vehicle matching the description given by the citizen in New Brockton and pulled it over.

After speaking to and observing the driver (Byrd), the deputy, assisted by an Alabama State Trooper, administered a field sobriety test. Byrd failed the test after several attempts, and was taken to the Coffee County Jail where she was charged with DUI. She was also charged (given a traffic citation) with driving on the wrong side of the road.

A search of the vehicle (which is standard procedure) by law enforcement officers revealed two bottles of prescribed medication with Ms. Byrd's name on them. One was for Valium (a tranquilizer) and the other was for Loribac (a pain medication).

After being charged with DUI, Ms. Byrd was taken to a medical facility where two blood samples were taken. One sample was drawn as evidence and sent to the state toxicology lab to be analyzed, and the other was taken for administrative purposes as required by Coffee County policy and given to the county's medical review officer (MRO).

It should be noted that the results of the latter sample by the county MRO is not for public knowledge. County policy requires that test results be maintained under strict confidentiality by the employer, the drug testing laboratory and the MRO. They can only be released by written consent of the employee.

One exception to this policy is administrative proceedings arising from a positive drug test.

On the other hand, the results of the test performed by the state toxicology lab is accessible to the public.

All employees of Coffee County, or any person performing any kind of work for Coffee County, are pro-



Angela Byrd

hibited from using, possessing, distributing, manufacturing, or having controlled substances, abused prescription drugs or any other mind altering or intoxicating substances present in their system while at work or on duty.

County policy further stipulates that any employee of the Coffee County Commission whom shall operate any vehicle owned or leased by the Commission has to submit at any time to be tested for illegal drug and alcohol abuse.

The policy also addresses the use of prescription drugs. It states: "The

proper use of medication prescribed by a physician is not prohibited; however, the Commission prohibits the misuse of prescribed and/or over-the-counter medications and requires ALL employees using drugs at the direction of a physician to notify the Commission's MRO or their Drug Program Coordinator where these drugs may affect their performance, such as causing drowsiness.

Ms. Byrd was released from the county jail Wednesday night on a \$500 appearance bond on the above charges.

In addition to the above incident, Ms. Byrd was indirectly involved in another DUI charge against an individual. Anthony Brandt, who was illegally operating the 1998 Jeep Cherokee assigned to Ms. Byrd. Brandt shares a residence with Ms. Byrd in Enterprise.

On January 15, Brandt was stopped by Enterprise police while driving the Jeep Cherokee with a tag registered to another vehicle on it instead of the county tag. The county decals had also been removed from the vehicle. He was charged with DUI and unauthorized use of a vehicle. Ms. Byrd contended that she was unaware the vehicle had been taken by Brandt.

The above incident resulted in 12 county vehicles being parked on county property when not being

used for county business. Ms. Byrd's legal problems are not limited to the encounter on Wednesday. She has had two harassment charges filed against her in Enterprise in recent weeks. On February 22, Ms. Byrd was arrested in connection to an altercation that occurred in the parking lot at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Enterprise.

Allegedly, Ms. Byrd shouted racial epithets, made an obscene gesture, and shouted at a woman after becoming upset with her over not getting a certain parking space.

The latest of Ms. Byrd's legal woes occurred on Tuesday, March

7, when another warrant was signed against her for harassment. Allegedly, this incident occurred over the weekend in Enterprise.

Reportedly, members of the Coffee County Commission have expressed their hope and expectation that Ms. Byrd's immediate supervisor, Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, will take the appropriate action should the drug test be positive relative to the DUI charge.

Mr. Burns has made no comment to this newspaper as to what action he will take in the matter should the results be positive.

## Third Brunson elected to head National Security Insurance Co.

The election of William Lister Brunson Jr. (Bill) as third president and CEO of National Security Insurance Company has been announced, effective Jan. 1, 2000.

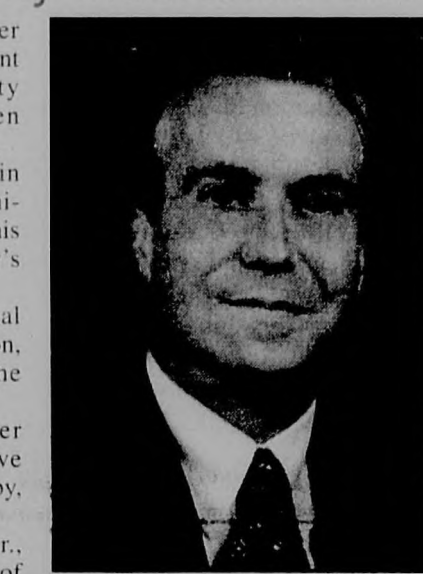
Bill received his BS degree in Corporate Finance from the University of Alabama in 1980 and his Law degree from the University's Law School in 1983.

He joined the company's legal staff immediately upon graduation, and was named president of the Life Company.

He is married to the former Rhonda Bozeman and they have two daughters: Sydney and Shelby, and reside in Elba.

Bill's father, W.L. Brunson Sr., was founder and first president of the company. He and a cousin, D.M. English, also of Elba, raised the required finances and the company was chartered Feb. 5, 1947. They began the company business by issuing policies from their office in the dining room of the Brunson home. The current headquarters, situated among a setting of hardwood and pines, was completed in 1977.

After the death of W.L. Brunson,



W. L. Brunson, Jr.

a new era was begun under his brother, J.R. Brunson, who was elected second president, and in 1997, his son, Jack E. Brunson, became President of National Security Fire and Casualty Company.

Mr. J.R. Brunson's retired and resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Security Group effective Dec. 31, 1999.

## County BOE reviews construction plans

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education's main topic of conversation in last Thursday's monthly meeting was building construction.

Bill Wallace, the school system's architect, gave board members an update on the classroom construction on the Zion Chapel and New Brockton campuses. He told the board that everything was on schedule.

"It looks like the deadline, July 1, will be met," said Wallace. This will allow the classrooms to be inspected and still give the teachers time to set up and make sure everything is okay before the 2000-2001 school year begins in August.

The architect also said that plans are presently underway to upgrade the lighting system in the Kinston Elementary school, construct a new business lab (building) at Zion Chapel, and add two new class-

rooms to the New Brockton High School complex. Wallace had drawings of those projects on hand for the board members to review and comment on. The next phase of the projects will be to send out bid invitations to contractors.

Dr. Linda Ingram, administrative assistant to the superintendent, gave board members a brief overview of the high school exit exam which will be administered during the week of March 13.

She noted that this year's seniors will be taking the old test while juniors and sophomores will be taking an upgraded version of the test. Freshmen will not be taking the exam test next week, however,

when they take it next year, they will have to pass it in its entirety.

Due to the recent upgrading of the exit exam, school systems are being given time to prepare the teachers, as well as the students for the testing. The state is also allocating more than \$4 million for remediation of students who are not prepared, at this point, to pass the exam. Dr. Ingram noted very stringent guidelines for its use.

Dr. Ingram said results from the exit exams should be back for review at the end of June.

After a 15 minute executive ses-

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## New Brockton's Town Council meeting brief & uneventful

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council was brief and to the point Monday evening. With a short meeting agenda (11 items), the meeting lasted just over thirty minutes.

Mayor Britt Lee recognized the members of Boy Scout Troop 22 and their leader and expressed, on behalf of himself and members of the council, appreciation of their interest in learning about city government. The scouts observed the council in "action" and even took notes.

The council heard a request from Ron Haney concerning Co. Rd. 272. He told members of the council that each time the county blades the road, the bed of the road drops a little lower in front of his home. Haney said this creates a problem at his driveway entrance. He asked that the council help him in getting

the county to raise the roadbed in front of his home.

Mayor Lee told Haney that he would talk with the county engineer and see if the problem can be corrected.

Acting Police Chief Jerry Gilbert reported that his department had made a total of 32 arrests during the month of February, issued 31 traffic citations, and investigated 5 automobile accidents.

He noted that the fire department had responded to 5 grass fires and 2 vehicle fires. Animal control officers picked up 8 stray dogs and transported them to the pound in Elba.

Mayor Lee commented that the police department had a busy month. Chief Gilbert agreed and said it looked as if this month (March) was going to be a busy one.

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## Area Happenings

**DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee will meet Saturday, March 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Elba Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and open qualification for party candidates for the following county offices: Coffee County Probate Judge, ALL seven (7) seats on the county commission, members of the Coffee County BOE Districts 2, 3 & 5, and constables for all respective beats in the county.

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, March 13, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

**PINE LEVEL SCHOOL REUNION.** The Pine Level School Reunion will be held March 25 at 10 a.m. in the Elba High School cafeteria. Please bring a covered dish for dinner. Cups, plates, forks, spoons, paper towels and ice will be provided. Teachers and anyone who attended Pine Level School are invited to attend.